

STAC ANNOUNCEMENT ON REBUILD AMERICA

Consistent with language accompanying fiscal year 2005 Interior Appropriations, administrative management of the Rebuild America Program is transferred from the Department of Energy (DOE) to the State Technologies Advancement Collaborative (STAC) beginning May 2, 2005. The Rebuild America program will continue to foster efficient and renewable energy technology and practices in the commercial, institutional, government, and multifamily housing sectors.

DOE and STAC will assure a smooth transition. During this transition period, both organizations will work with all parties to resolve problems that arise. STAC is working with DOE to establish information channels on the STAC and the DOE Rebuild America website. This is a continuing, cooperative process in which both parties will continue to keep stakeholders and participants informed.

STAC program objectives will be accomplished primarily through multi-state solicitations that facilitate projects and “on-the-ground” results.

Program elements. The program will continue to provide centrally-managed technical assistance, at a reduced level, coordinate stakeholder activities, and disseminate results. Following is information on the major elements of the STAC Rebuild America Program:

- (1) **SEP Special Projects Solicitation.** This solicitation was issued on February 18, 2005 by the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) with \$3.7 million available from Rebuild America funds. Applications under this solicitation are due on May 2, 2005. State-based projects under this solicitation will continue to be managed by the DOE Regional Offices and procured by NETL.
- (2) **STAC Rebuild America Solicitation.** The STAC Rebuild America solicitation will be issued on May 2, 2005 (STAC solicitation # 05-STAC-01). The solicitation announcement may be found at the STAC website (www.stacenergy.org). Funding of \$1.35 million will be available from fiscal year 2005 appropriations for multi-State projects under this solicitation.
- (3) **Local Government Solicitation.** A STAC solicitation for local government-sponsored projects is planned later in the fiscal year for activities to be determined in consultation with organizations representing local government entities subject to availability of funds. Details of this solicitation will be provided at a later date on the STAC website.
- (4) **Technical Assistance.** STAC will continue to provide a centralized form of technical assistance for projects within the Rebuild America Program. STAC has asked Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) to oversee and coordinate technical assistance through the DOE National Laboratories, including ORNL, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNL), and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). DOE Regional Offices will continue to coordinate Rebuild activities with the National Laboratory technical assistance program, State Energy Offices, and STAC management as well as continuing their role in SEP Special Projects. A more

detailed description of the technical assistance will be posted on the STAC and Rebuild America websites shortly.

- (5) Planning for the Future.** STAC intends to work with DOE and the Rebuild stakeholders to examine the future structure of the Rebuild America Program after the transition to STAC management. STAC intends to evaluate the newly structured program to determine whether there are areas of unmet needs and identify possible improvements and accommodations to the program, particularly in light of the possibility of reduced funding prospects. STAC expects to convene a strategic planning session in the early summer to address these issues.

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